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Council to support power line

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The Sierra Vista City Council agreed to have city staff draft a letter in support of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's (SSVEC) controversial power line to Sonoita, to be signed by Mayor Bob Strain on behalf of the city council.

SSVEC Member Services Manager Jack Blair contacted the city last week and asked if the council would draft a letter in support of the cooperative's power line, Mayor Bob Strain said, during a work session on Monday. Blair also sent the city a draft of an example letter they could use.

SSVEC is paying a lot of money defending the power line against those who are against it and this ultimately has an effect on the rates they charge, Strain said.

Assistant City Manager Mary Jacobs said she would rewrite the letter to highlight the city's priority of keeping rates low for local residents and the fact that Sierra Vista is one of SSVEC's largest customers, to the tune of nearly \$1.8 million last fiscal year.

"From a cost containment standpoint they need to make a decision and go for it," Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Mueller said.

Though he personally thinks the power line is a good idea, Council Member Larry Hampton was concerned about the city's involvement because the line does not go through city property, he said. He was no longer opposed to the idea after listening to the conversation about trying to protect the rates for city residents.

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